

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 817

Short Title: 4-Year Terms for GA/Limit Consecutive Terms. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Daniel, Tarte, Rabin (Primary Sponsors); Hunt and Sanderson.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 21, 2014

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE
FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO
LIMIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FOUR CONSECUTIVE
TERMS IN A HOUSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Part I. Four-Year Terms.

SECTION 1.1. Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads
as rewritten:

"Sec. 2. Number of Senators.

The Senate shall be composed of 50 Senators, ~~biennially~~ quadrennially chosen by ballot."

SECTION 1.2. Section 4 of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads as
rewritten:

"Sec. 4. Number of Representatives.

The House of Representatives shall be composed of 120 Representatives, ~~biennially~~
quadrennially chosen by ballot."

SECTION 1.3. Section 8 of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads
as rewritten:

"Sec. 8. Elections.

The election for members of the General Assembly shall be held for the respective districts
in ~~1972-2016~~ and every ~~two~~ four years thereafter, at the places and on the day prescribed by
law."

SECTION 1.4. Section 7(3) of Article III of the Constitution of North Carolina
reads as rewritten:

"(3) **Vacancies.** – If the office of any of these officers is vacated by death, resignation, or
otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint another to serve until his successor is
elected and qualified. Every such vacancy shall be filled by election at the first ~~election for~~
~~members of the General Assembly~~ statewide election for members of the United States House
of Representatives that occurs more than 60 days after the vacancy has taken place, and the
person chosen shall hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term fixed in this
Section. When a vacancy occurs in the office of any of the officers named in this Section and
the term expires on the first day of January succeeding the next ~~election for members of the~~
~~General Assembly~~, statewide election for members of the United States House of
Representatives, the Governor shall appoint to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the
office."



